

TO: Governor's Energy Efficiency and Renewables Task Force
Administrative Model and Funding Workgroup Members

FROM: George Edgar
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RE: **Minutes from March 9, 2004 Workgroup Meeting**

Workgroup members present:

George Edgar, co-chair	Charlie Higley	Tom Paque
Kristine Euclide, co-chair	Chuck McGinnis (by phone)	Larry Salustro
Dave Helbach		

Task Force Staff present:

Sarah Justus, DOA	John Marx, DOA	Carol Stemrich, PSC
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Stakeholders present:

Cathy Boies, CFC	Hugo Heyns, MSOE	Pat Meier, DOA
Greg Bollom, MGE	Bob Jones, WisCap	Susan Stratton, ECW
Janet Brandt, WECC		

Meeting Outcomes

1. The PSC should oversee the planning, budgeting, goal setting, evaluation and enforcement of the Public Benefits programs.
2. Delivery of Public Benefits services may need to vary depending on the characteristics of a customer class. Due to the homogeneity and mass-market synergies that can be captured within the residential class, group agreed that services for this class are best delivered through a state-wide program.
3. Low-income program should remain as a state-wide program.
4. Minutes from 2-17-04 meeting were approved.

Issues to be Addressed at Future Meetings

1. Frameworks for the administration of Public Benefits, including program administration and implementation responsibilities.

Outcomes from 2-17-04 Meeting

1. The spending of Public Benefits funds should be linked with the PSC's resource approval process. Public Benefits efforts should be consistent with and supportive of state resource priorities and objectives.
2. DOA should retain oversight of the low-income programs.
3. Minutes from the 2-3-04 meeting were approved.
4. Suggested role definitions document distributed for use by work group (see attached).
5. Presentation by John Marx (DOA) re public benefits funding levels (see attached).

Outcomes from 2-3-04 Meeting

1. Minutes from the January 20th meeting were approved
2. Discussion during the majority of the meeting to involve workgroup members and staff. Last 15 minutes of the meeting will be reserved for comments from stakeholders present at the meeting.
3. Once workgroup has developed a preliminary proposal, it will host 2-3 forums in different areas of the state to solicit public input.
4. PSC designated as the agency to oversee utility retention of funds for Public Benefits Programs.
5. As directed by the PSC, the utilities will collect these funds through the utility revenue requirement. Municipalities and coops may opt in as under current statutes. The funds will then be transferred to a non-governmental fiscal agent.
6. Funds are to be collected from utilities through a uniform charge creating collection equity across utilities and among customers.
7. For consistency purposes, low-income program funds should be collected using the same administrative model as that for energy efficiency funds

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The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at WECC (211 S. Paterson Street, 3rd Floor, Madison)
Note: March 16th meeting has been canceled.